

Hiking Trail

From Vahanavank monastery to Baghaberd fortress

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The trail can be extended by 4.4 km by moving the start of the track from Vahanavank monastery to Halidzor fortress. This trail is already marked by milestones on important crossroads.

The hike starts behind the Vahanavank monastery, where you can get either by taxi, car or by walk from Kapan.

Total Distance: 7.3 km

Average hike time: 3 hours

Elevation change: 300 m



After few hundred meters there is a crossroad of two paths, go straight forward. The path has quite dense vegetation (mainly blackberries) but it will get better.



Follow the easily visible path for around 400 meters. There will be a crossroad of two paths, take the one up left to the hill.



Follow the path forward, do not turn left.



The path will lead you from the forest to a gate. Go around it, because it is closed. Then continue straight on the road for approximately 2 km until you get to the highway from Kapan to Kajaran.

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Once you get to the highway, cross it and follow the small road up the hill. If you turn right at the crossing, you will see a sign with water source, which is on the other side of the road. Use it to refill your bottles if needed. Water is cold and tastes a little bit earthy but motorists use it very often.



Behind the crossing with the highway, the trail to Baghaberd is well marked by wooden signs and milestones. On the crossing of four paths, turn left towards the pipeline on the hill. The ascent is quite steep but the rewarding view from the castle is worth it!



Congratulations. You made it to the top of the fortress! Careful on your way back!

